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ANNUAL MEETING

OF THE

Moravian Historical Society,

SEPTEMBER 22, 1910.

The meeting was called to order at 10:30 a.m. by The Rev. E. T. Kluge, and Abraham S. Schropp, one of the Vice-Presidents, was chosen to preside, with nineteen members present. The minutes of the last annual meeting were approved, and the Treasurer's report was presented, and an abstract of it ordered to be spread upon the minutes.

Receipts.

Interest\$ 202 35
Annual Dues 185 75
Life Member Fees 30 00
Transactions Sold 67 00
Vesper Tickets 37 25
Museum Box Collection 4 47
Cash on Hand 531 04
\$1057 86
Expenditures.
Transactions, Parts 2 and 3, Vol. 8\$ 427 50
Interest Deposit Nazareth National
Bank 219 35
Salaries, Secretary, Treasurer and
Librarian 80 00
Memorial Tablets, Whitefield House
and Grey Cottage 38 00
Vesper Supplies 25 03
Delivering Transactions 27 36
Binding 50 Copies Transactions, Vol. 8 22 50
Taxes, etc 7 49
Postage, Expressage and Printing 18 43
Cash on Hand 192 20
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Resources.

Cash \$ 192 20 Investments 5252 92 Volume III (Debit) 16 42 Excess of Liabilities 277 68 \$5739 22 Liabilities Trust Funds \$5364 46 Publication Committee (Credit) 178 37

Monroe County Memorial Fund.....

Binding Fund

Prepaid Subscriptions

\$5739 22

108 49

83 90

4 00

The report of the Secretary showed that the usual stated and several called meetings of the Executive Board had been held.

The Society has one hundred and ten life members and two hundred and thirty-six active and associate members; total, three hundred and forty-six. Since the last annual meeting six members died, three withdrew and four were dropped. Three life members and nine active and associate members were elected, a net loss of one.

At the stated meeting held October 18, 1909, the following minute was adopted:

For the third time in the history of the Moravian Historical Society, we, its officers and members, are called on to mourn the death of a President of this Society. It has pleased the Lord to call away from the active scenes of earth our esteemed and beloved President, Joseph Alexander Rice. After the death of Bishop J. M. Levering, on April 4, 1908, then President, it was felt that his successor should be a member who was interested in the work of the Society, and who was also closely identified with the more extended enterprises of the Moravian Church. These qualifications were satisfactorily fulfilled in the selection of Brother Rice. He became a member of the Society in June, 1868, and during the past forty years rendered eminent service as a member of several of its committees. He was especially interested in the erection of several of the monuments which

have been put up by the Society, being frequently a member of the committees whose task it was to gather the funds needed to defray the cost of their erection. Besides this, although Brother Rice was actively engaged in business for more than forty years, yet he found time to make his influence felt for the good of his Church, at first in the Bethlehem congregation, and during the past thirty-five years in various enterprises that worked for the betterment of the entire Moravian Church. Especially energetic was he in furthering the interests of the Moravian College and Theological Seminary. When its cramped quarters on Church Street were found inadequate for their intended uses, he took a prominent part in planning for the new buildings in which this institution is now established on North Main Street, Bethlehem, Pa.; and then he undertook the always arduous task of canvassing all the Moravian congregations, North and South, in order to secure the funds to pay for these buildings. And his efforts were crowned with signal success.

Brother Rice assumed the office of President of the Moravian Historical Society on October 14, 1908, and it was soon evident that, though a layman, he was a worthy successor of the energetic Presidents who had preceded him. On the occasion of the Anniversary Day in 1908, after accepting the appointment to his new office, he communicated a valuable paper which was the result of painstaking, scholarly and resourceful research. He retired from business in 1907 and therefore had abundant leisure to pursue his researches along antiquarian lines. But severe attacks of illness, which prostrated him during the present year, were a great hindrance. However, hopes were entertained for his recovery, and therefore, at the Annual Meeting, held on September 23, 1909, the Society unanimously re-elected him as its President for the ensuing year. But an all-wise Providence decreed that his life-work was finished, and in the early hours of October 8, 1909, our brother was suddenly permitted to exchange the sufferings of earth for the bliss of heaven.

In the name of the Society the Executive Board expresses to the bereaved family its sincere sympathy and commends its members to the care of that divine Head of the Church whom our brother served so long and faithfully. At an adjourned meeting, held August 8, 1910, the Executive Board adopted the following:

On May 4, 1910, it pleased the Lord suddenly to call away from his earthly activities our esteemed and beloved brother, Eugene Martin Leibert. He was a charter member of our Society, and was also an active participant in the deliberations which prepared the way for its organization in 1857. He filled the office of Secretary and later of Vice-President, till the fall of 1858, when he left Nazareth to enter the active ministry of our Though he was absent from Nazareth for the next nine years, he kept in touch with the activities of the Moravian Historical Society so far as his ministerial duties permitted. When he returned to Nazareth in 1867, to assume the duties of Principal of Nazareth Hall, he found the Society in a state of decadence. The numerous and exacting duties of his Principalship kept him fully occupied; yet, as one of the Vice-Presidents, he began to plan for the resuscitation of the Society. With keen financial acumen and executive ability of a high order he inaugurated measures which in course of time redeemed the Society from financial embarrassment and paved the way for the success with which it has been blessed in more recent years. Being of antiquarian tastes, he not only rendered valuable service as chairman of the Publication Committee, and took great interest in the erection of a number of monuments by the Society, but also prepared several valuable historical papers concerning the activity of the Moravian Church in this country. After he retired from the Principalship of Nazareth Hall, in 1892, he made use of the leisure time at his disposal to continue his antiquarian researches.

His interst extended also to the oversight of the Ephrata Missionary Home, in which the Society's Museum is located, together with the grounds surrounding it, of which he was the curator for nearly 40 years.

In view of all his unselfish services in behalf of our Society we herewith express our keen sense of severe loss sustained in his sudden departure. The Librarian reported the following donations:

- I. A newly-discovered likeness of Amos Comenius—a small photograph.

 Presented by J. F. Pemsel.
- 2. William Parsons, Surveyor-General and Founder of Easton, Pa.—a manuscript. Presented by John F. Jordan.
- 3. Account Book of the Overseers of the Poor in Bethlehem Township, 1766. Presented by John J. Hartzell.
- 4. Several Animals, made of rubber, by natives of Trinidad, W. I.
- 5. Tusk of a Wild Boar, killed near the mission station on the Island of St. Jan, W. I.
- 6. Implements made of wood, by negro children in Jamaica, W. I.
 - 7. Ant Eater, Scorpion, and Serpent.
 - 8. Gypsum, from Barbadoes.

Presented by Mrs. C. T. Oehler.

- 9. A Framed Photograph of the Whitefield House, 1863.

 Presented by C. H. Wenhold.
- 10. The Life of Wm. Henry, of Lancaster, Pa., 1729-1786—Patriot, Military Officer, Inventor of the Steam-boat; edited by Francis Jordan, Jr. Presented by Granville Henry.
 - 11. A brief Sketch of Lindsey House, Cheyne Walk, Chelsea.
- 12. Sketch of the Moravian Burying-Ground, King's Road, Chelsea. Presented by J. F. Pemsel.
- 13. Photograph of Broad Oaks, an Old Tudor Mansion, where Moravian Children were educated before going to Fulneck.

 Presented by J. F. Pemsel.
 - 14. Pennsylvania Biographies—Nos. 1 and 2.

Presented by Boyd Crumbine.

- 15. Portrait of John W. Jordan.
- 16. Historical Notes, appropriate to the visit of the U. S. Scout Cruiser Chester.

 Presented by W. T. Calles.
 - 17. Transactions of the Historical Society of Berks County.
 - 18. An Indian Basket, made by Ramona, California.
 - 19. A Small Heathen Idol from Alaska.

Presented by Mrs. E. T. Kluge.

20. Moravian Missions for 1910.

Presented by the Librarian.

The following is the list of officers elected for the ensuing year:

President, The Rev. Henry A. Jacobson.

Vice-Presidents, The Rev. E. T. Kluge, The Rev. Wm. H. Rice, The Rt. Rev. M. W. Leibert, The Rev. A. D. Thaeler, The Rt. Rev. C. L. Moench, Wm. H. Jordan, Abraham S. Schropp, Abraham R. Beck, C. O. Brunner, The Rev. Wm. N. Schwarze. Secretary and Treasurer, Frank Kunkel.

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Librarian, The Rev. E. T. Kluge.

Board of Managers, Granville Henry, Wm. V. Knauss, Aug. H. Leibert, Frank C. Stout, R. O. Beitel.

Library Committee, The Rev. Paul de Schweinitz, The Rev. John Greenfield, Dr. John W. Jordan, Abraham S. Schropp, John F. Bardill, Theo. F. Kampmann.

Publication Committee, The Rev. Wm. N. Schwarze, Albert G. Rau, Harry J. Meyers.

Graveyard Committee, G. A. Schneebeli, S. R. Odenwelder, F. H. Martin, H. H. Hacker.

The usual compensations were voted to the Librarian, to the Secretary and to the Treasurer.

The Vesper was held at 1:45 p.m. and was presided over by the Rev. Henry A. Jacobson, who had been elected President at the morning session.

The following members have died since the last annual meeting:

Joseph A. Rice, Eugene Martin Leibert, Elisha P. Wilbur, William Turner, Simon Rau, Augustus S. Bishop.

The President, The Rev. Henry A. Jacobson, read a paper, entitled, "The Walking Purchase."

The Rev. E. T. Kluge read a paper entitled "Lewis Ferdinand Lambert."

Professor H. H. Hacker read a paper entitled, "A few notes on the early Moravian Schools in Pennsylvania, and on the first Boarding School in Nazareth Hall."

The Rev. Paul de Schweinitz communicated an abstract of the correspondence with the Bohemian Brethren in Texas.